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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE KIEV, AS YOU DOUBTLESS HAVE NOTICED, TRACY SIMPLY SIGNED PROTOCOL WITH OPTION FOR ELEVATOR. ASSUME NO ONE WILL GET EXCITED SINCE IT DOESN'T COMMIT US TO ELEVATOR UNLESS WE CHOOSE TO EXERCISE THE OPTION. (WE RECALL THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S COMMENT LAST FALL TO EFFECT THAT ANY OPTION IS WORTH SOMETHING, NO MATTER HOW REMOTE THE CONTINGENCY*)

2. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE TO FORMALIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCE PARTIES? IS THIS THE TIME TO FACE THE FORMULA FOR NUMBERS? OUR FEELING IS THAT IT IS BETTER TO HAVE A HANDLE ON NUMBERS THAN TO RESTRICT ACTIVITIES UNDULY, SINCE WE CAN PROBABLY NOT CONTROL SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK WITH ANY PRECISION, AND WOULD LIKE OUR PEOPLE IN KIEV TO HAVE MAXIMUM POSSIBILITIES FOR CONTACTS, PROTECTION, ETC., WITHOUT OF COURSE PERFORMING CONSULAR FUNCTIONS IN FORMAL, DE JURE SENSE (E.G., VISA AND PASSPORT ISSUANCE). WE ALSO TRUST THAT WE HAVE MEANS TO DENY SOVIETS DIRECT CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR ADVANCE PARTY, SINCE WE OF COURSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANTHING CLASSIFIED IN KIEV UNTIL WE GET POSSESSION OF OFFICE BUILDING.

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EM DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, KORNIYENKO

MENTIONED THAT WE STILL HAD NOT SETTLED CONSULAR DISTRICTS. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS IS NOT IMPERATIVE UNTIL WE OPEN OFFICIALLY, AND THAT OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT THEY CAN DETERMINE EITHER THEIR DISTRICT OR OURS BUT NOT BOTH, AND THAT COMPROMISE MIGHT BE FOUND BY INCLUSION OF BOSTON AND KISHINEV AS CITIES. APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY, WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO RAISE THIS MATTER OURSELVES UNTIL WE ARE MUCH CLOSER TO FORMAL OPENING.

4. RE INSPECTORS' DATES FOR LENINGRAD AND KIEV, THEY PRESENT NO PROBLEMS FOR US OR FOR LENINGRAD, BUT JOE AND I WONDER IF IT WOULD NOT BE MORE USEFUL TO INSPECTORS IF THEY SPENT A LITTLE MORE TIME IN MOSCOW BEFORE GOING UP TO LENINGRAD. ALSO, SO FAR AS KIEV IS CONCERNED, A SOMEWHAT LATER DATE MIGHT BE ADVISABLE JUST TO GIVE THE ADVANCE PARTY TIME TO MOVE INTO THE HOTEL. (PRESENT PLAN CALLS FOR ONE WEEK IN MOSCOW, THEN LENINGRAD AND KIEV, THEN FOUR MORE WEEKS IN MOSCOW.) WE LEAVE IT UP TO YOU WHETHER TO MENTION THIS OR NOT, SINCE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.
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